

GOOD-NATURED AND PATIENT

English Visitor Pays Tribute to Virtues He Noted as Distinguishing American People.

A while ago I published a little book on a tour I made in America during war time. I dedicated it "To the kindest people in the world," and I put the dedication in Latin to spare their blushes. Should I write another work of the same kind, I think I should dedicate it "To the most good-natured, tolerant and patient people in the world," writes Sir Arthur E. Shipley in the Outlook.

Although as the election grew imminent interest in it became keen and discussion eager, still I only once heard an acute disagreement between the supporters of the rival candidates, and this was between a husband and wife. It seemed based upon a fundamental difference of opinion on that most innocuous and unexciting fluid, milk.

As a rule the discussions were most amicable, and usually finished up, after the method of Lincoln, in a joke or a story. Their toleration equals their good humor. They bear patiently every variety of religious dogma; these are almost as numerous in the United States as are patent medicines. They quietly endure and ignore the most infernal noises. Owing to the enormous distances one has to traverse in the states, one spends a considerable part of one's time on the train and it is this reason which possibly accounts for the fact that Americans persist in talking on the cars.

Mr. Lucas has recently reminded us that Carlyle bequeathed certain books to Harvard university because of his esteem and regard for the American people—"particularly the more silent part of them." The latter exist not only in the imagination of the Chelsea philosopher. They are perhaps not very numerous, still they exist.

MEAT UNDER PERPETUAL BAN

Residents and Visitors on Island of Valamo, Finland, Must Obey Law Centuries Old.

Every day is fish day on the little Island of Valamo, Finland, 12 squares miles in area. Almost ten centuries ago monks of the Greek Catholic church embarked on Lake Ladoga to find a new home and landed on Valamo.

A fine old monastery they built and framed a law that from that day on no meat should ever be eaten on the island. Recently several members of the American Red Cross stationed at the Russian refugee camp at Viborg, made a journey to the island and were entertained at lunch in the monastery built to replace the one destroyed in 1754. The old law is still observed by the 450 monks now living there.

From the day they arrive on the island to the day they leave or die no meat is eaten by them. Husky, strong and living to a good old age, this lack of meat as food is not apparent in their build. For lunch the Americans had fish in several forms, fried, baked and in soup, but always fish.

Hunting is barred, trapping is taboo, so that temptation in the shape of meat may never come. Smoking also is banned.

No Aerial Mail for Chinese.

White Chang Tso Lin, who today dominates the north of China, was wondering just what he would do with six airplanes which he ordered from England the question of the disposal of three of them was settled for him. He was undecided whether to use them for military purposes or for the establishment of a mail service, in accordance with the terms of the contract. While debating the question he ordered three to be sent to Mukden, for possible postal use, and the remainder to Peking for military purposes. Those shipped to Mukden were loaded on flat cars and started on their way. Some distance from Tientsin they bumped a railroad bridge and were not only smashed but also put the bridge out of commission. So it looks as though those who expected to get their mail via the air route are doomed to disappointment.

Thrill Not on Program.

President Obregon of Mexico has given his sanction to bull fighting by appearing one Sunday afternoon when Rodolfo Gaona and Ernesto Pastor fought jointly. He occupied a ring-side seat. When Pastor, playing the last bull, made what appeared to be a death thrust, the President arose to leave and the band immediately struck up the national anthem. The bull, however, was not dead and started to charge. At the sound of the anthem he stopped in his tracks, lowered his head, and with Pastor standing at rigid attention not three feet from the bull's horns, the hymn was completed. A second later the bull tumbled over dead. Veteran fightgoers asserted the spectacle was the strangest ever seen in the Mexico City arena.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Then All Was Quiet.

Junior has reached the age of inquisitiveness. With grandma, he was making a social call. He noticed that the piano was not in the same position as the one at home, that the day-enport was different, and that the library table was of another design and called attention to the facts in tones that all heard.

"Grandma," he said, finally, "haven't they got any more chairs?"

"Why of course they have. Now keep quiet."

"Well, why is that man sitting on the piano stool then?"

And Commercial Lines.

Most of the wrinkles in a business man's face are trademarks.—Stout City Journal.

Coming! Successful comedy—"Mr. Jim." Watch for the date.—adv.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Rev. J. A. Mulvey was a Bannister visitor Monday.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-tfc

Mrs. George Lane of Jackson is visiting Mrs. W. H. Snell.

Remember the Alpha Theta play, May 6, College Chapel.—adv

Coming! Successful comedy—"Mr. Jim." Watch for the date.—adv.

Zane Grey's "Desert Gold"—Strand, Sunday and Monday.—adv

W. J. Kickbush is attending an I. C. S. convention in Flint this week.

"Along came a spider—" but you'll see it in "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy."—adv.

E. C. Donovan and John Lockhard were called to Ithaca Monday for jury service.

Mrs. W. J. Gordon of Greenville spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snell.

Buster Keaton and Wm. H. Crane in "The Saphead"—Strand, Thursday and Friday.—adv

Miss Agnes Ward and Ruth Whiting spent Sunday in Owosso with Miss Jane Edgar.

William Amshury left last week for a fishing trip at Riverview on the Manistee river.

Mrs. Harry Gebeau and little son, Billie, of Charlevoix, visited Mrs. W. H. Snell last week.

Dr. E. G. Shuyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

Mrs. G. F. Argent of Gary, Indiana, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crandell.

F. W. Ruggles is the owner of a new Buick sedan which was purchased from the Alma Buick Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Delavan are the proud parents of an eleven and one-half pound boy born to them Tuesday.

The W. R. C. will meet with Mrs. Adeline Cammer, 918 Pine street, on Tuesday afternoon, May 5. Potluck supper.

Eugene Holcomb, manager of the Central Michigan Light & Power Co., was in Grand Rapids on business Monday.

A meeting of the Alma lodge of Elks will be held at 2:00 p. m. Sunday. All members are urged to be present.

D. Fleming of West Branch is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Ellison, for a few days this week.

E. L. Smith, who has been in Saginaw and London, Ontario, for some weeks spent the week end at his home in this city.

Charles O. Ward has started the construction of a two family flat at the corner of West Superior street and Lincoln avenue.

Robert Notestein of Saginaw visited at the home of his parents, Professor and Mrs. E. N. Notestein, for a few hours yesterday.

The Ladies Altar Society of St. Mary's church will meet Thursday afternoon, May 5, at the home of Mrs. Bert Thorpe, 128 West End.

Charles O. Ward and Otto Sanderhoff went to Flint the first of the week to place an order for more Buicks for the Alma Buick Company.

The Fortnightly society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Crooks, 801 W. Superior st., on Tuesday, May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colson and Mrs. Frank Rosa of North Wheeler visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stone, Allen avenue.

Mrs. F. E. Pollasky, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Sharp at Ithaca, N. Y., for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Alma Friday.

J. W. Kelder, superintendent of the Alma public schools is taking a trip to various places in the state with a view of securing teachers for the local schools for next year.

Arthur E. Davis, superintendent of the Republic Motor Truck Company, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, is able to be out again. He hopes to be on the job again in a few days.

Miss Wilhelmina Ritter, secretary to the president of Alma College, who is working in the state endowment campaign offices in Detroit during the college endowment drive, spent the week end in Alma with friends.

High schools in ten counties in this section of the state have been invited to take part in the Saginaw Valley track and field meet to be held June 11 at Owosso. Alma high is one of the ten invited to send track athletes to the meet.

An adjourned regular meeting of the city commission will be held tonight, at which time it is expected that the final steps in connection with the paving of the additional widths of pavement on Wright avenue, West Superior street and East Superior street, will be taken.

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In order to insure the best results, we ask the subscribers to co-operate with us by observing the following suggestions:

Before calling look up the number as a large percentage of the numbers have been changed.

To call central remove the receiver. DO NOT HANG UP THE RECEIVER UNTIL YOU ARE THROUGH TALKING, as hanging up the receiver disconnects the line. If some other party is wanted than the party answering the telephone, LEAVE THE RECEIVER DOWN WHILE CALLING THE PARTY WANTED TO THE TELEPHONE. To make a second call, hang up and take down the receiver again.

The letter R prefixing a number means Rural and when that letter appears on the number wanted, you will please say, "Rural Operator," to the first operator answering and then give the next operator (Rural) the number wanted.

To call a party who is on the same line as yourself, instead of giving the entire number to the operator, say: GIVE ME "BLUE" ON THIS LINE, or whatever color you may desire. Rural subscribers can call other parties on the line themselves as heretofore.

The ringing of the subscribers (except rural subscribers) will be automatic. That is, the operator sets up the ringing machine which continues to ring the party wanted intermittently until the called party answers or the calling party hangs up his receiver. The subscriber calling will hear the reverberating tone every time the subscriber is being rung, so that he can tell that the subscriber asked for is being called. The operator will not report "They don't answer" etc. as the subscriber can draw his own conclusions.

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